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GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT.

Gm 70-42-19

Serial Nos. Two

Part B for January 1926

SUBJECT

Rates of charges of interment of pauper dead bodies.

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The Senior Surgeon in Mysore
Mr Comptroller thro' H. Scott
L 3380-2 dated 9.11.25
Directs that the scale of charges authorised in G.O. G 2785-94/Gm 142-23-9 dated 10-10.24 be also applied to the pauper patients dying in Hospitals and considers it unnecessary to lay down a general rule in the case of Europeans.

NO 1/1/26

Serial No 1

Letter No C 1795-5 dated the 2nd Septr 1925 from the Senior Surgeon in Mysore requesting for reasons given, (1) that the rate of ~~fee~~ charges for the disposal of the bodies of pauper patients dying in hospitals may be raised to Rs 5 & Rs 4, the rate fixed in G.O. No G 2785-94/G. M. 142-23-4 dated the 10th October 1924 (2) that in the case of bodies of persons belonging to communities that bury their dead enclosed in coffins, the charge may be fixed at Rs and (3) that the expenditure already incurred by the Med. officers of institutions in accordance with either of the G.Os of July 1885 and Oc 1924 may be ordered to be admitted by the Comptroller in audit.

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Subd for orders. In G.O. L 8166-7/Med 67-23-4 dated the 11th ~~[illegible]~~ Nov 1924 sanction was accorded to the payment of higher rates for the

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disposal of the dead bod
of certain patients dying
hospitals.

2) The Senior Surgeon recom-
mends that in the case of
Communities that bury
their dead in coffins
Rs 9/- may be paid. In
the case of other select
Communities referred to
in the order of Oct 1924
Rs 5 may be fixed & in
the case of others Rs 4/-

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3) The recommendation
of the Senior Surgeon
may perhaps be sanct
as such cases are not
likely to be many; and
besides, the bodies
of pauper patients
dying in hospitals at
Bangalore as general
given over to the Medical
College authorities for
~~the~~ use in the ~~disc~~
dissection rooms
in connection with the
institution.

In G.O. No L8166-7/Med
67-23-6 dated the 11th Apr
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The Financial Secretary will have to be consulted in the matter in case it is decided to sanction the recommendations of the Senior Surgeon. Subd for orders

C.C.
5/10/25.

4. The Senior Surgeon wants a modification of the order of 15th July 1895 fixing the charges to be incurred for the disposal of bodies of pauper patients dying in hospitals.

5. At present Rs 7 is fixed in the case of Europeans & Eurasians & Rs 2 in the case of Indians.

6. In G.O. No. G 2785-94/Genl 142-23-9 dated 10th Oct 1924, the charges for interment of paupers dying elsewhere have been fixed at Rs 5 for Europeans & Eurasians as also for Caste Hindus, Mussalmans & Indian Christians & Rs 4 in the case of others.

7. As regards paupers dying in hospitals the Senior Surgeon wants to retain the enhanced charge of Rs 7 not only in the case of Europeans & Eurasians, but also in the case of those whose corpses are buried in coffins on account of the extra charges necessary. He would also fix a

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charge of Rs 5 in the case of the select castes referred to in the order of October 1924 and Rs 4 in the case of others.

8 If the recommendation is to be sanctioned, the J. Secy will have to be consulted.

2nd Reader

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6.10.25

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J. Secy.

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OCT 1925

10 The order of 10th Oct 1924 fixes the scale at Rs 5 for European, Anglo-Indian Caste Hindu Etc. no mention is made therein of any extra cost for providing coffins. The Senior Surgeon in his letter under disposal is apparently not in favour of recognising any caste distinctions in the matter of interment. There is also perhaps very great need for 'bodies' by the medical college & in the case of these unclaimed bodies it is not clear why they are not made over to the College. In any case no strong case appears to have been made out for enhancement of rates. The Supdt. Lunatic asylum states in his letter copy of which has been forwarded by the Senior Surgeon that there is risk of wounding susceptibilities of Communities

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It would then perhaps be a case for the Community in question to come to the aid of Govt. in the disposal of unclaimed or pauper dead bodies -

No change appears to be called for in the order of Octr 1924

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Fin: Secy)

The Scale of charges sanctioned by G.O. of 10.10.24 may be applied to cases of paupers dying in hospitals. 13-10-25

2nd Secy)

This does not fully meet the recommendations of the Senior Surgeon, who has asked for enhanced charges in the case of those whose dead bodies are buried enclosed in coffins.

2nd Member.

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14.10.

If orders may issue as per Fin Secy's note. Cases of European paupers will be very rare; & the S.S. may be told that its unnecessary to lay down a rule as such cases will be so rare; but in case a coffin is found necessary ~~used~~, the extra cost may be charged to the contingencies of his Dept.

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2nd Secy)
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9. NOV. 1925
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Please see H Secty's note d 13-10-1925 & the last paras of the G.O. under issue. Dft & Fair copies are put up for orders
9-11-25

The G.O. provides discretion re-providing coffins & permits extra expre being incurred in this a/c & charged to Contingencies - no maximum limit to the expre that could be incurred has also been fixed. May the order be communicated as it stands
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First Secy)

May be communicated
10.11.25

Issue 10/11

To the Comptroller
H 2591 dated 10/11/25

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L 3380-2 9/4/4/25.

The Senior Surgeon

The Comptroller to Govt.
Directs that the scale of charges authorised by G.O. No. G 2783-94/ GM 14-2-29 be applied also to Pauper patients dying in the Hospital & requests the Comptroller to dispose of the cases in which expdr. has already been incurred according to the scale fixed. and is considers it unnecessary to lay down a general rule in case of European paupers dying in Hospital, & if any extra cost is incurred in this case may be charged to the contingencies of the ~~Hospital~~ institution in which the patient dies.

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Office of the Senior Surgeon in Mysore,

Bangalore, dated, 31st August 1925
2nd September 1925

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No. C.1795-5.
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From

Dr. B. Md. Usmon, L.M.&S.,
Senior Surgeon with the Government
of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore,
Bangalore.

3 SEP. 1925
D. SECTION

To

The Secretary to Government,
Local and Legislative Departments,
Bangalore.

Med 43-25-1

Sir,

I have the honor to state that the rates of charges to be incurred on the disposal of bodies of pauper patients dying in hospitals have been fixed by G.O. No. 1101-10-Mis. 153, dated 15th July 1895, at Rs 9 in the case of Europeans and Eurasians andRs 2 in the case of Indians. Flag B

K. In G.O. No. G. 2785-94-G.M. 142-23-9, dated 10th October 1924, Government fixed the charges for the interment of paupers at Rs 5 in the caseof Caste Hindus, Mussalmans, Europeans, Anglo-Indians and Indian Christians andRs 4/- in the case of others. This order evidently refers to paupers dying outside Hospitals, as the G.O. of 15th July 1895 finds no mention therein. B

However, as the rate of 2/- fixed in the order of 15th July 1895 was found too inadequate to meet the cost of disposal of the bodies of patients dying in the Hospital, owing to the general rise in labor wages and prices of articles, the Medical Officers in charge of certain Medical institutions have incurred expenditure in excess of Rs 2/- on the strength of the G.O. of 10th October 1924, and this expenditure has been held under objection by the Comptroller, who is, strictly speaking, correct. B K

It will be seen that the rates for the disposal of pauper bodies which were Rs 2-0-0 and Rs 1-8-0 under Chief Commissioner's Order No. 9360-Gen.234, dated 29-1-1878, were raised to Rs 3-0-0 and Rs 2-8-0 by Government Order No. R

No. G. 18627-35-Pol.118-18-2, dated 26th February 1919 and have been further raised to Rs 5 and Rs 4 in October 1924. The reasons that hold good for increasing the rates of charges for the disposal of bodies of paupers dying outside a Hospital, ought to hold good also in the case of bodies of patients dying in Hospitals, whom the police or any other agencies have seen them as paupers. If they are not paupers, their relatives will arrang attend to the burial ceremonies.

I therefore request that the rate of charges for the disposal of patients dying in Hospitals may also be raised to Rs. 5 and Rs.4.

In this connection, I beg to enclose a copy of letter No. 884 dated 9-3-25 from the Superintendent, Lunatic Asylum, complaining that even the rate of Rs 9/- fixed for Europeans in the Government Order of 15th July 1895 is found too little to meet the cost of a coffin and hearse to be provided in the case of European and Anglo-Indian patients of the C. & M. Station, dying in the Lunatic Asylum. There is no doubt some force in the contention of the Superintendent that in the cases of communities which bury the bodies along with the Coffin, the cost of the coffin necessarily entails extra expenditure over the other charges, such as payment to the bearers, grave diggers, etc. R

The duty of the disposing of the dead must devolve on the relatives or members of the community to which the deceased belonged. It is only when no relatives or other members come forward to claim the body that the duty will devolve on Government, in which case, Government may either give monitary help to recognised private agencies or make their own arrangements for the disposal of the bodies. It is a point for consideration why the Government should recognise caste distinction in this respect and fix different rates instead of fixing one uniform rate, say Rs 5/- so far as their responsibility is concerned. If private agencies come forward to dispose of such bodies they ought to be prepared to meet any extra cost entailed in giving a proper burial. As, however, a distinction has already been made between certain selected castes and "Others", the distinction could as well be pushed a little further in fixing the rate of Rs 9/- in the case A cases of bodies of persons belonging to communities that bury their dead enclosed in coffins, Rs 5/- being fixed in the case of the other selected castes and Rs 4/- in the case of "others".

I further request that the expenditure already incurred by the Medical Officers of Institutions in accordance with either of the Government Orders of July 1895 and October 1924, may kindly be ordered to be admitted by the Comptroller in audit.

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I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

Senior Surgeon.

VOR.

Letter No. 884 dated 9-3-25 from the Superintendent, Lunatic Asylum, Bangalore to the Senior Surgeon in Mysore.

With reference to your letter No. C. 1795-3 dated 5-3-25, I have the honor to inform you that the expenditure under burial charges and railway fare is met from the allotment under the budget head "Other Charges" and all such items of expenditure have hitherto been proportionately debited to the C & M. Station account. The only available authority on the point is sub-section (2) of section 2 of the Mysore Lunacy Regulation of 1916 which refers to the maintenance charges to "include cost of lodging, maintenance, clothing, medicine and care of the lunatic and any expenditure incurred in removing such lunatic to and from the Asylum" and in the absence of any specific mention regarding the removal of a dead lunatic, the section quoted above has been relied on in calculating C & M. Station charges. When the C & M. station bears the proportionate share in every item of expenditure there was no reason to exclude the burial charges alone.

The records of this hospital show that the burial charges of the European pauper patients have always been incurred at a rate higher than that allowed in article 208 of the Mysore Account Code Vol.1. Though this rate of Rs 9/- was fixed in 1895, it has not been adhered to and no objection was hitherto raised either by the Senior Surgeon or the Comptroller. Probably it was understood all round that the bur-ialof European patient could not be conducted in accordance with the prevailing custom of their community with such a low rate as Rs 9/-. But for the 1st time on the 4th instant the Comptroller has raised his objection and has disallowed from the Contingent bill for January 1925 the amount spent over and above Rs 9/-

In your letter No. Dis.B. 477 dated 7th January 1925 a reference was made to Government Order No. 2785-94/G.M. 142-23-9 dated 10-10-1924 restricting the rate of burial charges to Rs 5/- only whereas, the Comptroller allows Rs.9/-. From this it is clear that the views held by the Senior Surgeon and the Comptroller in this matter are divergent.

I may be permitted to state that the bur~~r~~ial of a European at Rs 9/- or Rs. 5/- can only be conducted by hiring a country cart and providing no coffin and this may involve the rist of wounding the susceptibilities of the community to which the patient belongs and incidentally giving cause for adverse comment and criticism of our action. It is therefore very necessary and urgent to define clearly the method of burial of a dead European patient andto fix the highest amount that can be spent for the purpose. In the mean time, I request you to be good enough to address the Comptroller in the matter of sanctioning payment of the expenditure already incurred and may here after be incurred until final Government Orders are received.

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VOR. Senior Surgeon.

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Proceedings of the Govt. of H.H. the Maharaja of Mysore.

Read -

G.O.No.1101-10/Mis/153 dated the 15th July 1895 fixing the rates of charges to be incurred on the disposal of bodies of pauper patients dying in hospitals at Rs.9 in the case of Europeans and Eurasians and Rs.2/- in the case of Indians.

2. G.O.No.G.2785-94/G.M.142-23-9 dated 10th October 1924 fixing the charges for the interment of paupers at Rs.5/- in the case of caste Hindus, Musalmans, Europeans, Anglo-Indians and Indian christians and -- Rs.4/- in the case of others.

3. Letter No.C.1795-5 dated 2nd Septr. 1925 from the Senior Surgeon recommending that the rates fixed in the above G.O. -- which does not evidently apply to the cases of pauper patients dying in hospitals may be made applicable to paupers dying in -- hospitals also with the distinction that as ~~over~~ even the existing sum of Rs.9 provided in the case of Europeans and Anglo-Indians patients in the order of July 1895 is found too little to meet the cost of coffin etc. to be provided, a sum of Rs.9 may be fixed in the case of disposal of bodies of persons belonging to communities that ~~may~~ bury their dead enclosed in coffin and Rs.5 fixed in the case of other/selected castes referred to in the order of Octr. 1924 and Rs.4/- in the case of 'others' and that the expenditure,

expenditure already incurred by the medical officers of institutions in accordance with either of the G.O!s of July 1895 and October 1924 referred to above, may be ordered to be admitted by the Comptroller in audit.

Order No. L 3380-2

Dated, Bangalore, 9/11/~~Octr.~~ '25.

Govt. are pleased to direct that the scale of charges authorised by G.O. No.G.2785-94/G.M.142-23-9 dated the 10th October 1924 be applied also to pauper patients dying in hospitals. The Comptroller to Govt. is requested to dispose of the cases in which expenditure has already been incurred by the medical officers of institutions according to the ~~daxx~~ scale fixed above.

Govt. consider that, as cases of European paupers dying in hospitals would be very rare, it is unnecessary to lay down a general rule in this respect, as recommended by the Senior Surgeon. They are, however, pleased to direct that in case a coffin is found necessary and is used, the extra cost may be charged to the contingencies of the institution in which the patient died.

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Secy. to Govt.

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To

The Senior Surgeon in Mysore.

The Comptroller to Govt. thro'
the Financial Secretariat.

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